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REMARKS

Claim 34 has been amended to recite the thrombotic disorders listed at page 2, lines 21 to 26 of the specification.

New Claim 38 corresponds with original Claim 30, but contains the word "anticoagulant" before the words "effective amount".

New Claim 39 depends from new Claim 38, and is directed to a method of treating a human body.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner considers that Applicant's previous amendment of Claim 36 introduced a new ground for rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The issues raised by the Examiner appear to be more matters for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to consider than the Patent and Trademark Office. However, Applicant does not wish to delay issue of a Notice of Allowance on this application, and is therefore amending the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 36 and 37 as amended and new Claims 38 and 39 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

Having regard to Claims 38 and 39, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant has provided a novel compound having activity as a Factor Xa inhibitor and is therefore entitled to claim all methods of treating thrombotic disorders that involve exploitation of this activity.

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